

PATENT
450100-02223

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
APPLICATION FOR LETTERS PATENT

TITLE: DATA PROCESSING CIRCUIT
INVENTOR: Hisashi TACHIBANA

William S. Frommer
Registration No. 25,506
FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP
745 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10151
Tel. (212) 588-0800

DATA PROCESSING CIRCUIT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a data processing circuit used for a data serial interface etc.

2. Description of the Related Art

10 As an interface for multimedia data transfer, an IEEE (The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) 1394 high performance serial bus which realizes high speed data transfer and real-time transfer has recently been standardized.

15 The data transfer by the IEEE 1394 serial interface includes the conventional asynchronous transfer for making requests, acknowledging requests, and acknowledging receipt and isochronous transfer wherein data is always sent once per 125 μ s from a certain node.

20 In the IEEE 1394 serial interface having such two transfer modes, data is transferred in units of packets.

25 A data processing circuit used for the IEEE 1394 serial interface mainly comprises, as shown in Fig. 8, a physical layer circuit 1 for directly driving the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS and a link layer circuit 2 for

controlling data transfer of the physical layer circuit

1.

In the isochronous communication system in
the above IEEE 1394 serial interface, for example as
5 shown in Fig. 8, the link layer circuit 2 is connected to
the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS via a physical layer circuit
3.

The link layer circuit 2 is connected to an
application 3, such as a moving picture coding experts
10 group (MPEG) 2 transporter and a digital video cassette
recorder (DVCR).

Summarizing the problem to be solved by the
invention, data of, for example, digital satellite
broadcasting is supplied to the link layer circuit 2 via
15 a set-top box for digital satellite broadcasting. A
plurality of channels are multiplexed in the data
supplied to the set-top box.

A data processing circuit of the IEEE 1394
serial interface of the related art is not capable of
20 selecting and outputting only a specified channel from
the data comprised of a plurality of multiplexed
channels.

Therefore, it has been necessary to provide
an external circuit for selecting a channel for
25 extracting data of a specified channel and inputting it

to the link layer 2.

Also, when a specified channel is selected, there has been a desire in some cases to add information regarding the selected channel for transmission to the serial interface bus, however, the data processing circuit of the IEEE 1394 serial interface is not configured with the function of selecting a specified channel and adding information regarding the channel to the data of the selected channel.

10

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of the present invention is to provide a data processing circuit capable of selecting data of a specified channel from data composed of a plurality of multiplexed channels and transmitting it to a data transmission path without using an external circuit for selecting a channel.

15

Another object of the present invention is to provide a data processing circuit capable of transmitting information data regarding the selected channel along with the data of the selected channel.

20

To attain the above objects, according to the present invention, there is provided a data processing circuit for receiving as input a plurality of packet data including packet data of at least one channel from an

00000000000000000000000000000000

25

application side, selecting packet data of a desired channel from the input plurality of packet data, and transmitting the selected packet data to a data transmission path, comprising a channel identification data extracting circuit for extracting channel identification data regarding a selected channel in the input packet data; a comparison circuit for comparing the extracted channel identification data with channel specifying data regarding a predetermined selected channel; a packet data validity instruction signal generation circuit for outputting a packet data validity instruction signal indicating whether the packet data is valid or not based on the comparison result; and a transmission circuit for selecting the input packet data to the data transmission path when the packet data validity instruction signal is valid.

Packet data is input from the application side in a data processing circuit of the present invention.

Channel identification data in the input packet is extracted based on a first packet data validity instruction signal in a channel instruction data extraction circuit.

Then, the extracted channel identification data and channel specifying data are compared in a comparison circuit.

Then, in a packet data validity instruction signal generation circuit, the first packet data validity instruction signal is output as a second packet data validity instruction signal when the result of the 5 comparison is that they are identical, while the second packet data validity instruction signal indicating invalidity is output when the result of the comparison is that they are not identical.

Then, in a transmission circuit, the packet data 10 input at a timing when the second packet data validity instruction signal indicates valid is selected and transmitted to the data transmission path.

Also, in the data processing circuit of the present invention, preferably, the transmission circuit inserts 15 data to the data transmission path during transmission at a timing when the second packet data validity instruction signal indicates invalidity.

Preferably, the inserting data is information data regarding the selected packet data in the data processing 20 circuit of the present invention.

Preferably, the data processing circuit of the present invention further comprises a memory circuit for storing channel specifying data for specifying the predetermined channel to select.

25 Preferably, the data processing circuit of the

present invention further comprises a computer for writing channel specifying data to the memory circuit.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

5 These and other objects and features of the present invention will become clearer from the following description of the preferred embodiments given with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

10 Fig. 1 is a block diagram of the configuration of an embodiment of an MPEG data processing circuit adopted in an IEEE 1394 serial interface according to the present invention;

15 Fig. 2 is a partial view of the configuration of a channel selection circuit built in an application interface circuit shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a partial view of the configuration of a channel selection circuit built in an application interface circuit shown in Fig. 1;

20 Fig. 4 is a timing chart of signals shown in Figs. 2 and 3;

Fig. 5 is a view of the configuration of a first PID comparison circuit shown in Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 is a view of the configuration of a second PID comparison circuit shown in Fig. 2;

25 Fig. 7 is a view of an example of the basic

configuration of an isochronous communication system; and

Fig. 8 is a block diagram of the basic configuration of an isochronous communication system in an IEEE 1394 serial interface.

5

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Below, preferred embodiments will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a block diagram of the configuration of an embodiment of a data processing circuit adopted in an IEEE serial interface according to the present invention.

The data processing circuit comprises a link layer 10, a physical layer circuit 20, and a CPU 30 as a host computer. The link layer circuit 10 is connected to an application 40.

The application 40 comprises, as shown in Fig. 1, for example, an MPEG2 transporter 41, a digital/analog (D/A) converter 42, an IEC958 digital audio circuit 43, and a PLL circuit 44.

The link layer circuit 10 performs control of asynchronous transfer and isochronous transfer and control of the physical layer circuit 20 under the control of the CPU 30.

Specifically, the link layer 10 is, as shown in Fig. 1, configured by a link core circuit (LINK CORE)

101, a host interface circuit (HOST I/F) 102, an application interface circuit (AP I/F) 103, an asynchronous communication transmission FIFO circuit (AT-FIFO) 104, an asynchronous communication reception FIFO circuit (AR-FIFO) 105, an insert packet buffer (IPB) 106, an isochronous communication pre-transmission processing circuit (YXOPRE) 108, an isochronous communication post-transmission processing circuit (TXOPRO) 109, an isochronous communication pre-reception processing circuit (TXIPRE) 110, an isochronous communication post-reception processing circuit (TXIPRO) 111, an isochronous communication transmission FIFO circuit (IT-FIFO) 112, an isochronous communication transmission/reception FIFO circuit (IR-FIFO) 113, and a configuration register (hereinafter, referred to as CFR) 114.

In the link layer circuit 10 shown in Fig. 1, an asynchronous communication system circuit is configured by a host interface circuit 102, a transmission FIFO circuit 104, a reception FIFO circuit 105, and a link core circuit 101.

On the other hand, an isochronous communication system circuit is configured by an application interface circuit 103, a pre-transmission processing circuit 108, a post-transmission processing circuit 109, a pre-reception processing circuit 110, a post-transmission processing

circuit 111, a transmission FIFO circuit 112, a transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113, and a link core circuit 101.

Link Core Circuit 101

5 A link core circuit 101 is configured by a transmission circuit and a reception circuit for asynchronous communication packet data and isochronous communication packet data, an interface circuit with a physical layer circuit 20 for directly driving an IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS of the packet data, a cycle timer reset every 125 μ s, a cycle monitor, and a CRC circuit. For example, time data, such as a cycle timer, is supplied to the isochronous communication system processing circuit via the CFR 111.

10

15 Host Interface Circuit 102

A host interface circuit 102 mainly performs arbitration for writing and reading of asynchronous communication packet data between the CPU 30, the transmission FIFO circuit 104, and a reception FIFO circuit 105 and arbitration for transmission and reception of a variety of data between the CPU 30 and the CFR 114.

20

25 For example, when extracting transport stream (TS) packet data of any channel from a TS stream wherein a plurality of channels of digital satellite broadcasting

input from the MPEG2 transporter 41 are multiplexed, channel specifying data CPID indicating channel identification data PID (partial identifier) of the TS packet data to be extracted is set to at least one of a 5 PID register Reg₁ and a PID register Reg₂ in the CFR 114 from the CPU 30 via the host interface circuit 102.

Here, the reason why it is possible to set a total of two channels of channel specifying data CPID to the two PID registers Reg₁ and Reg₂ is that two channels of 10 isochronous transmission are possible simultaneously in order that two channels of TS packet data can be simultaneously extracted.

Also, when it is required to insert packet data IPD comprising insert packet data to be added as information 15 of a program provided by the TS packet data extracted from the TS stream from the MPEG2 transporter 41, a logical value "1" is set to a register IPTxGo of the CFR 114 from the CPU 30 via the host interface circuit 102.

Also, a PID on/off signal SW indicating whether or 20 not to select a channel in the application interface circuit 103 is set to an PID on/off register of the CFR 114 from the CPU 30 via the host interface 102.

Transmission FIFO 104 and Reception FIFO 105

A transmission FIFO 104 stores asynchronous 25 communication packet data to be transferred to the IEEE

1394 serial bus BUS.

Further, a reception FIFO stores asynchronous communication packet data transferred via the IEEE 1394 serial interface bus BUS.

5 Application Interface Circuit 103

An application interface circuit 103 performs arbitration for transmission and reception of data between the application 40, the pre-transmission processing circuit 108, and the post-reception processing 10 circuit 111.

When selecting TS packet data of any channel from TS data comprised of a plurality of channels of digital satellite broadcasting transmitted from, for example, the MPEG2 transporter 41 are multiplexed, as explained above, 15 packet enable signals PEN_OUT₁ and PEN_OUT₂ are generated for extracting TS packet data having identical channel identification data PID with channel specifying data CPID set to the PID registers Reg₁ and Reg₂ in the CFR 114.

Also, when transmitting information regarding the 20 program to be provided by the extracted TS packet data as the insert packet data, the application interface circuit 103 generates an insert enable signal IPEN_OUT for determining a timing for transmitting the insert packet data.

25 Figures 2 and 3 are block diagrams of an example of

the configuration of a channel selection circuit 200 of the application interface circuit 103, and Figs. 4A to 4R are timing charts of the respective signals shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

5 As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the channel selection circuit 200 comprises a PID extraction circuit 202, a PID load signal generation circuit 204, a PID comparison circuits 206 and 208, a delay circuit 210, an enable signal generation circuit 212, a delay circuit 214, and a 10 D-FF circuit 216.

Note that the components operate based on a clock signal CK output from a not shown clock signal generation circuit.

15 The channel selection circuit 200 receives as input data Data_IN of the TS data comprised of a plurality of multiplexed channels of digital satellite broadcasting and a packet enable signal PEN_IN from the MPEG2 transporter 41.

20 Also, the channel selection circuit 200 outputs the data Data_OUT and packet enable signal PEN_OUT₁ and PEN_OUT₂ to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 and outputs an insert enable signal IPEN_OUT to an insert packet buffer 106.

25 The components of the channel selection circuit 200 will be explained in detail next with reference to Figs.

2 to 4 below.

[PID Extraction Circuit 202]

The PID extraction circuit 202 extracts 13-bit channel identification data PID from the respective 188 5 bytes of TS packet data comprising the TS data input from the MPEG2 transporter 41 shown in Fig. 1 based on the PID load signal S204 input from the PID load signal generation circuit 204.

As shown in Fig. 2, the PID extraction circuit 202 10 comprises D-FF circuits 216₆, 216₇, and 216₈ and a switching circuit 220.

The TS data is input to a D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₆ in the PID extraction circuit 202.

Specifically, the 8-bit data Data_IN comprising the TS 15 data is input in every clock cycle as shown in Fig. 4C to the D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₆ as shown in Fig. 2.

A Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₆ is connected 20 to the delay circuit 210, a D-terminal, and a Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₇.

The Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₇ is also connected to an H-terminal of the switching circuit 220.

An A-terminal of the switching circuit 220 is 25 connected to a D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₈, while an L-terminal thereof is connected to a Q-terminal of the

D-FF circuit 216_s.

The switching circuit 220 connects an A-terminal with an H-terminal when a PID load signal S204 from the PID load signal generation circuit 204 has a logic value of "1", while connects the A-terminal with an L-terminal when the PID load signal S204 has a logic value of "0".

Also, a Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216_s is connected to the PID comparison circuits 206 and 208.

An example of the operation of the PID extraction circuit 202 will be explained next.

In the PID extraction circuit 202, for example, the data Data_IN shown in Fig. 4C output from the MPEG2 transporter shown in Fig. 1 is input to the D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216_s in units of 8 bits every clock cycle of the clock signal CK shown in Fig. 4A.

Here, as mentioned above, the data Data_IN is TS data, 188 bytes of which comprise 1 packet data, the first 8 bits thereof store the data start_byte for identifying the top of the packet data, 5 bits on the least significant bit (LSB) side [12:8] in the next 8 bits thereof store 5 bits on the most significant bit (MSB) side of the channel identification data PID, the next 8 bits store 8 bits on the LSB side of the channel identification data PID, and the rest stores data (payload).

The 8-bit data Data₁ shown in Fig. 4E obtained by delaying the data Data_IN shown in Fig. 4B by exactly 1 clock cycle in the D-FF circuit 216₆ is output to the delay circuit 210, the D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₅, and the Q-terminal side of the D-FF circuit 216₇.

5 Then, data Data₂ shown in Fig. 4F obtained by delaying the data Data₁ by exactly 1 clock cycle in the D-FF circuit 216₇ is output from the Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₈.

10 Then, 13-bit data Data₃ composed of the data Data₁ shown in Fig. 4E and 5 bits on the LSB side of the data Data₂ shown in Fig. 4F is output to the H-terminal of the switching circuit 220.

15 Then, during 1 clock cycle wherein the logic value of the PID load signal S204 is "1" as shown in Figs. 4E, 4F, and 4I, the data Data₃ becomes channel identification data PID₁, the H-terminal and the A-terminal of the switching circuit are connected, and the channel identification data PID₁ is input to the D-terminal of 20 the D-FF circuit 216₈.

20 Channel identification data PID₂ shown in Fig. 4K obtained by delaying the channel identification data PID₁ shown in Fig. 4J by exactly 1 clock cycle in the D-FF circuit 216₈ is output to the L-terminal of the switching circuit and the PID comparison circuits 206 and 208.

A PID load signal S204 has a logic value of "0" thereafter, the L-terminal and the A-terminal are connected in the switching circuit 220, and the logic value of the channel identification data PID₂ is 5 maintained.

Note that the PID load signal S204 has the logic value of "1", as shown in Figs. 4E, 4F, and 4I, at a timing when the PID data of 13 bits in total included in the data Data₁ and Data₂ is generated in the data Data₃. 10 The timing is determined by the PID load signal generation circuit as will be explained below.

[PID Load Signal Generation Circuit 204]

The PID load generation circuit 204 generates a PID load signal S204 used for determining the timing for 15 extracting the channel identification data PID in the PID extraction circuit 202 based on a packet enable signal PEN_IN input from the MPEG2 transporter 41 shown in Fig. 1. The PID load signal generation circuit 204 comprises, as shown in Fig. 2, D-FF circuits 216₂, 216₃, 216₄, and 20 216₅ and an AND circuit 218.

The packet enable signal PIN_IN shown in Fig. 4B is input to a D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₂.

A Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₂ is connected to a D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₃, and one input 25 terminal of the AND circuit 218.

A Q⁻-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₃ is connected to the other input terminal of the AND circuit 218.

An output terminal of the AND circuit 218 is connected to a D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₄, while 5 a Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₄ is connected to a D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₅.

The above PID load signal S204 is output from a Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₅ to the switching circuit 220.

10 The operation of the PID load signal generation circuit will be explained next.

The packet enable signal PIN_IN shown in Fig. 4B is input from the MPEG2 transporter shown in Fig. 1 to a D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₂, and a packet enable 15 signal PEN₁ shown in Fig. 4D obtained by delaying the packet enable signal PIN_IN by exactly 1 clock cycle is output to a D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₃ and one input terminal of the AND circuit 218.

Then, when the logic value of the packet enable 20 signal PEN₁ is switched to "1", a signal output from the Q⁻-terminal of the D-FF circuit becomes "1" for 1 clock cycle from the switching, both of the two inputs of the AND circuit 218 become "1", and a pulse is generated as shown in Fig. 4G in an edge detection signal EDGE₁ output 25 from the output terminal of the AND circuit 218.

Then, an edge detection signal EDGE₂, shown in Fig. 4H obtained by delaying the edge detection signal EDGE₁, shown in Fig. 4G by exactly 1 clock cycle is output to the D-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₅.

5 Then, the PID load signal S204 shown in Fig. 4I obtained by delaying the edge detection signal EDGE₂, shown in Fig. 4H by exactly 1 clock cycle is output to the switching circuit 220.

[Delay Circuit 210 and D-FF Circuit 216₁]

10 The delay circuit 210 outputs data Data₄ obtained by delaying the data Data₁, shown in Fig. 4E output from the Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₆, by exactly 3 clock cycles in order to adjust the timing between the data Data_OUT and the packet enable signals PEN_OUT₁ and
15 PEN_OUT₂.

The D-FF circuit 216₁ outputs data Data_OUT shown in Fig. 4P obtained by delaying the data Data₄ input from the delay circuit 210 to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108.

20 [PID Comparison Circuit 206]

The PID comparison circuit 206 compares the 13-bit channel specifying data CPID₁ [0] to [12] read from a PID register Reg₁ in the CFR 114 with 13-bit channel identification data PID₂ [0] to [12] input from the Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₈ for every bit,

generates a PID comparison result signal S206 having a logic value of "1" when all bits are identical while is otherwise "0" and outputs the PID comparison result signal S206 to an OR circuit 232₁ shown in Fig. 3.

5 Figure 5 is a view of the configuration of the PID comparison circuit 206.

As shown in Fig. 5, the PID comparison circuit 206 comprises exclusive (Ex) NOR circuits 300₀ to 300₁₂ each having two inputs and one output and an AND circuit 302 having 13 inputs and one output.

10 Here, the ExNOR circuit having two inputs and one output calculates an inversion of the exclusive OR. A logic value of the output is made to be "1" when the input data have the same logic value (that is, when their logic values are "1" and "1" or "0" and "0"), while it is made to be "0" in other cases.

15 As shown in Fig. 5, the PID comparison circuit 206 receives as input respective 13-bit channel specifying data CPID₁[0] to [12] read from the PID register Reg₁ in the CFR 114 to one input terminal of the respective ExNOR circuits 300₀ to 300₁₂, while 13-bit channel identification data PID₂[0] to [12] input from the Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₈ to the other input terminal of the respective ExNOR circuit 300₀ to 300₁₂.

20 Also, the output terminals of the ExNOR circuits

300₀ to 300₁₂ are connected to an input terminal of the AND circuit 302.

The operation of the PID comparison circuit 206 will be explained next.

5 In the PID comparison circuit 206, when assuming that n is any integer from 0 to 12, an ExNOR circuit 300_n calculates an inversion of an exclusive OR of channel specifying data CPID₁[n] and channel identification data PID₂[n] and outputs a calculation result signal
10 indicating the calculation result to the AND circuit 302.

In the AND circuit 302, a PID comparison result signal S206 is generated wherein the logic value becomes "1" when all result signals input from the ExNOR circuits 300₀ to 300₁₂ have the logic value of "1", that is, when
15 the channel specifying data CPID₁ and the channel identification data PID₂ are identical, while the logic value becomes "0" in other cases.

The PID comparison result signal S206 is output to an OR circuit 232, shown in Fig. 3.

20 [PID Comparison Circuit 208]

A PID comparison circuit 208 compares 13-bit channel specifying data CPID₂[0] to [12] read from the PID register Reg₂ in the CFR 114 and 13-bit channel identification data PID₂[0] to [12] input for the D-FF
25 circuit 216₈ for every bit, generates a PID comparison

result signal S208 wherein a logic value becomes "1" when all bits are identical, while becomes "0" in other cases, and outputs the PID comparison result signal S208 to an OR circuit 232, shown in Fig. 3.

5 Figure 6 is a view of the configuration of the PID comparison circuit 208.

As shown in Fig. 6, the PID comparison circuit 208 has the same configuration with the PID comparison circuit 206 shown in Fig. 5 and comprises ExNOR circuits 310₀ to 310₁₂ having two inputs and one output and an AND circuit 312 having 13 inputs and one output.

10 As shown in Fig. 6, the PID comparison circuit 208 receives as input the respective 13-bit channel specifying data CPID₂[0] to [12] read from the PID register Reg₂ in the CFR 114 to one input terminal of the respective ExNOR circuits 310₀ to 310₁₂, while receives as input the respective 13-bit channel identification data PID₂[0] to [12] input from the Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₈ to the other input terminal of the respective ExNOR circuits 310₀ to 310₁₂. The output terminals of the ExNOR circuits 310₀ to 310₁₂ are connected to the input terminals of the AND circuit 312.

15 The operation of the PID comparison circuit 208 will be explained next.

20 In the PID comparison circuit 208, when assuming

that n is any integer from 0 to 12, an ExNOR circuit 310_n calculates an inversion of an exclusive OR of channel specifying data CPID₂[n] and channel identification data PID₂[n] and outputs a calculation result signal 5 indicating the calculation result to the AND circuit 312.

Then, in the AND circuit 312, a PID comparison result signal S208 is generated where the logic value becomes "1" when all calculation result signals input from the ExNOR circuits 310₀ to 310₁₂ have the logic value 10 of "1", that is, when the channel specifying data CPID₂ and the channel identification data PID₂ are identical, while the logic value becomes "0" in other cases.

The PID comparison result signal S208 is output to an OR circuit 232, shown in Fig. 3.

15 [Delay Circuit 214]

A delay circuit 214 receives as input a packet enable signal PEN₁ shown in Fig. 4D output from the Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216₂, shown in Fig. 2, generates a packet enable signal PEN₂ shown in Fig. 4R by 20 delaying the input packet enable signal PEN₁ by exactly 3 clock cycles, and outputs the generated packet enable signal PEN₂ to one input terminal of the AND circuits 236₁ to 236₃.

[Enable Signal Generation Circuit 212]

25 As shown in Fig. 3, the enable signal generation

circuit 212 comprises an NOT circuit 230, OR circuits 232₁ and 232₂, an NOR circuit 234, AND circuits 236₁ to 236₃, and D-FF circuits 216₉, 216₁₀, and 216₁₁.

The enable signal generation circuit 212 generates
5 packet enable signals PEN_OUT₁ and PEN_OUT₂ and an insert
enable signal IPEN_OUT from the packet enable signal PEN,
input from the delay circuit 214 and PID comparison
result signals S206 and S208 input from the PID
comparison circuits 206 and 208 shown in Fig. 2, and a
10 PID on/off signal SW read from the PID on/off register in
the CFR 114 shown in Fig. 1.

As shown in Fig. 3, in the enable signal generation circuit 212, the PID on/off signal SW is input to an input terminal of the NOT circuit 230, and an output terminal of the NOT circuit 230 is connected to one input terminal of the OR circuits 232₁ and 232₂.

The other input terminal of the OR circuit 232₁ receives as input the PID comparison result signal S206 from the PID comparison circuit 206 shown in Fig. 2.

20 The output terminal of the OR circuit 232₁ is connected to one input terminal of the AND circuit 236₁.

The other input terminal of the OR circuit 232, receives as input the PID comparison result signal S208 from the PID comparison circuit 208.

25 The output terminal of the OR 232₂ is connected to

one input terminal of the AND circuit 236₂.

Also, the input terminal of the NOR circuit 234 receives as input PID comparison result signals S206 and S208, and the output terminal of the NOR circuit 234 is 5 connected to one input terminal of the AND circuit 236₄.

The other input terminal of the AND circuit 236₄ receives as input the PID on/off signal SW.

Also, the output terminal of the AND circuit 236₄ 10 is connected to one input terminal of the AND circuit 236₃.

The other input terminals of the AND circuits 236₁, 236₂, and 236₃ receive as input a packet enable signal PEN₂ from the delay circuit 214.

The output terminals of the AND circuits 236₁, 236₂, and 236₃ are respectively connected to the D-terminals of 15 the D-FF circuits 216₉, 216₁₀, and 216₁₁.

Also, packet enable signals PEN_OUT₁, PEN_OUT₂, and IPEN_OUT are output respectively from the Q-terminals of the D-FF circuits 216₉, 216₁₀, and 216₁₁.

20 The operation of the enable signal generation circuit 212 shown in Fig. 3 will be explained below.

In the enable signal generation circuit 212, when the PID on/off signal SW has a logic value of "1", namely, when a channel selection using the channel 25 identification data PID is performed in the application

interface circuit 103 and the packet enable signal PEN_2 , obtained by delaying the packet enable signal PEN_1 by exactly 3 clock cycles has a logic value of "1", the PID comparison result signals S206 and S208 are delayed by 5 exactly one clock cycle respectively in the D-FF circuits 216, and 216_{10} and then respectively output as packet enable signals PEN_OUT_1 and PEN_OUT_2 to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 shown in Fig. 1.

Also, on the condition that both of the PID 10 comparison result signals S206 and S208 have a logic value of "0", the output of the NOR circuit 234 has a logic value of "1" and the insert enable signal IPEN_OUT output from the Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216_{11} has a logic value of "1" after 1 clock cycle of delay.

15 Namely, when the channel identification data PID included in the packet data input from the MPEG2 transporter 41 is not identical with either of the channel specifying data CPID_1 and CPID_2 , indicating a channel desired to be selected which is stored in the PID 20 registers Reg_1 and Reg_2 in the CFR 114, the insert enable signal IPEN_OUT has a logic value of "1".

Below, referring to Figs. 4A to 4R, an explanation will be given of the operation when the PID on/off signal SW has a logic value of "1" as shown in Fig. 4Q, namely, 25 when channel selection using the channel identification.

data PID is performed in the application interface circuit 103 as shown in Fig. 4Q and logic values of the packet enable signal PEN₁ and the S206 become as shown in Figs. 4D and 4L and when the S208 has a logic value of 5 "0" as shown in Fig. 4N.

In this case, the packet enable signal PEN_{OUT1} shown in Fig. 4M obtained by delaying the S206 shown in Fig. 4L by exactly one clock cycle is output to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 shown in Fig. 1 from 10 the Q-terminal of the D-FF circuit 216.,.

The packet enable signal PEN_{OUT2} has a logic value of "0" as shown in Fig. 4O.

Insert Packet Buffer 106

The desired insert packet data IPD is written to 15 the insert packet buffer 106 from the CPU 30.

For example, in the application interface circuit 103, when extracting TS packet data of any program from TS data of digital satellite broadcasting transmitted from the MPEG2 transporter 41 and outputting it to the 20 IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS, information regarding the program provided by the extracted TS packet data is written as the insert packet data IPD to the insert packet buffer 106.

Also, the capacity of the insert packet buffer 106 25 is, for example, 188 bytes, data up to 188 bytes is valid

and data exceeding the capacity is not transmitted.

When the transmission data is 188 bytes or less, data except the written data is set to "1" to be transmitted.

5 The insert packet data IPD once written in the insert packet buffer 106 is kept the value until re-writing.

The insert packet data IPD written in the insert packet buffer 106 is transferred to at least one of the 10 transmission FIFO circuit 112 and the transmission/reception FIFO 113 via the application interface circuit 103 and the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 at a timing when the insert enable signal IPEN_OUT shown in Fig. 3 has a logic value of "1". At the time of transfer, 15 a register IPTxGo of the above CFR 114 is set at "1". This is automatically set to be "0" when the transfer is completed. The CPU confirms the completion of the transfer by confirming the value.

Pre-Transmission Processing Circuit 108

20 When the packet enable signal PEN_OUT₁ has a logic value of "1", the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 receives as input from the application interface circuit 103 data Data_OUT shown in Fig. 2 and packet enable signals PEN_OUT₁ and PEN_OUT₂, comprising the TS packet 25 data. The pre-transmission processing circuit 108 adjusts

CONFIDENTIAL

the data length of the data Data_OUT in units of quadlets (4 bytes) for the isochronous communication of the IEEE 1394 standard and then writes the same to the transmission FIFO 112.

5 Also, when the packet enable signal PEN_OUT2 has a logic value of "1", the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 adjust the data length of the data Data_OUT in units of quadlets (4 bytes) for the isochronous communication of the IEEE 1394 standard and then writes
10 it to the transmission/reception FIFO 113.

Further, in the pre-transmission processing circuit 106, the data Data_OUT to be written in the transmission FIFO 112 and the transmission/reception FIFO 113 is enciphered in accordance with need.

15 Post-Transmission Processing Circuit 109
The post-transmission processing circuit 109, as shown in Fig. 7, adds a 1394 header, a header CRC, CIP headers 1 and 2, and data CRC to the data of the selected channel stored in the transmission FIFO circuit 112 and transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113 and outputs it to the transmission circuit of a link core circuit 101.
20

Specifically, as shown in Fig. 7, the 1394 header comprised of a "data-length" region indicating a data length, "channel" region indicating the number of channels (any one of 0 to 63) to be transferred, "tcode"

region indicating a processing code, and a synchronization code "sy" region defined by each application, the CIP header comprised of a "SID (source node ID)" region for a transmission node number, a "DBS (data block size)" region for a data block length, an "FN (fraction number)" region for the fraction number in packeting, a "QRC (quadlet padding count)" region for a quadlet number of the padding data, an "SPH" region for a flag indicating an existence of the source packet header, and a "DBC" region for a counter for detecting the number of isochronous packet data, and the CIP header 2 comprised of an "FMT" region for a signal format indicating a kind of data to be transmitted, an "fdf (format dependent field) region to be used in accordance with the signal format, and a "SyncTime" region for time stamp information are added.

Pre- Reception Processing circuit 110

The pre-transmission processing circuit 110 receives isochronous communication packet data transferred by the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS via the link core circuit 101, analyzes the contents of the received packet data such as a 1394 header, CIP headers 1, 2, etc., restores the data included in the packet data, and stores the restored data to the transmission/reception FIFO 113.

The Post-Reception Processing FIFO 111

The post-reception processing circuit 111 outputs the data read from the transmission/reception FIFO 113 to the application interface circuit 103. When the data is 5 encoded/ciphered at this time, the post-reception FIFO 111 decodes the data.

The operation of extracting TS packet data of a desired channel from the TS data comprising a plurality of multiplexed channels output from the MPEG2 transporter 10 41 and transmitting the isochronous communication packet data including the extracted TS packet data to the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS will be explained below.

In this case, first, channel specifying data CPID₁ and CPID₂ for specifying the channel to be extracted from 15 the TS stream comprising a plurality of multiplexed channels of digital satellite broadcasting are respectively set from the CPU 30 in the PID registers Reg₁ and Reg₂ in the CFR 114.

Also, when it is required that insert packet data 20 IPD which should be added as information of the channel (program) needs to be inserted, for example, to the TS stream of the extracted channel, a logic value of "1" is set from the CPU 30 to the register IPTxGo in the CFR 114.

25 Then, the channel specifying data CPID₁ and CPID₂

set in the PID registers Reg₁ and Reg₂ in the CFR 114 are read to the channel selection circuit 200 of the application interface circuit 103.

In the channel selection circuit of the application interface circuit 103, a plurality of packet data composing the TS data comprised of a plurality of multiplexed channels of digital satellite broadcasting is input as data Data_IN shown in Fig. 4C, delayed by exactly 5 clock cycles, and output as data Data_OUT shown in Fig. 4P to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 in the latter part.

Also, in the channel selection circuit 200, a packet enable signal PEN_OUT₁ is generated. Its logic value becomes "1" at a timing when TS packet data having the identical channel identification data PID₂ with the channel specifying data CPID₁ among a plurality of TS packet data comprising the TS data is output as data Data_OUT from the application interface 103 to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108, while the logic value becomes "0" at other timings. The packet enable signal PEN_OUT₁ is output to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108.

In the channel selection circuit 200, a packet enable signal PEN_OUT₂ is generated. Its logic value becomes "1" at a timing when TS packet data having the

identical channel identification data PID₂ with the channel specifying data CPID₂ among a plurality of TS packet data comprising the TS data is output as data Data_OUT from the application interface 103 to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108, while the logic value becomes "0" at other timings. The packet enable signal PEN_OUT₂ is output to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108.

In the channel selection circuit 200, a packet enable signal IPEN_OUT is generated. Its logic value becomes "1" at a timing when TS packet data having a channel identification data PID₂ not identical with the channel specifying data CPID₁ nor CPID₂ (not selected TS packet data) among a plurality of TS packet data comprising the TS data is output as data Data_OUT from the application interface 103 to the insert packet buffer 106, while the logic value becomes "0" at other timings. The packet enable signal IPEN_OUT is output to the insert packet buffer 106.

Then, 188 bytes of insert packet data IPD stored in the insert packet buffer 106 when the insert enable signal IPEN_OUT has a logic value of "1" is output to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 via the application interface circuit 103.

Note that the insert packet data IPD is written in

advance from the CPU 30 to the insert packet buffer 106 via the host interface circuit 120.

Then, in the pre-transmission processing circuit 108, the insert packet data input from the insert packet buffer 106 is adjusted in its data length in units of 5 quadlet (4 bytes) for the isochronous communication and re-written to the transmission FIFO circuit 112 or transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113.

Specifically, based on the contents of a 10 predetermined register in the CFR 114, when the insert packet data input to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 indicates information as to the TS packet data of the channel to be transmitted via the transmission FIFO circuit 108, the insert packet data IPD 15 is written to the transmission FIFO 112, while when it indicates information as to the TS packet data of the channel to be transmitted via the transmission/reception FIFO 113, the insert packet data IPD is written in the transmission/reception FIFO 113.

20 Note that when the insert packet data IPD is output from the insert packet buffer 106 to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108, the packet enable signal PEN_OUT1 and PEN_OUT2 output from the application interface circuit 103 to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 has a logic value of "0", and the data Data_OUT 25

output from the application interface circuit 103 to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 is not written to the transmission FIFO circuit 112 and the transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113.

5 Further, in the pre-transmission processing circuit 108, when the packet enable signal PEN_OUT₁ input from the application interface circuit 103 has a logic value of "1", the data Data_OUT input from the application interface circuit 103 is adjusted in its data length in 10 units of quadlets (4 bytes) for isochronous communication and written to the transmission FIFO circuit 112.

10 On the other hand, in the pre-transmission processing circuit 108, when the packet enable signal PEN_OUT₂ input from the application interface circuit 103 has a logic value of "1", the data Data_OUT input from the application interface circuit 103 is adjusted in its data length in units of quadlets (4 bytes) for 15 isochronous communication and written to the transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113.

20 Next, data stored in the transmission FIFO circuit 112 or transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113 is read out to the post-transmission processing circuit 109 and given the 1394 header, the CIP headers 1 and 2, etc. 25 shown in Fig. 7 to generate packet data for isochronous communication, and the packet data is output to the link

core 101.

Next, the packet data output from the post-transmission processing circuit 109 to the link core 101 is output to the physical layer circuit 20 every 125 μ s and encoded in the physical layer circuit 20, then output to the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS.

The operation for receiving packet data for isochronous communication via the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS will be explained next.

First, packet data for isochronous communication transferred in the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS is output to the pre-reception processing circuit 110 via the physical layer circuit 20 and the link core 101, to the contents of the 1394 header, the CIP headers 1 and 2, etc. included in the received packet data are analyzed, data included in the received packet data is restored, and the restored data is written to the transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113.

Then, data is read from the transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113 to the post-reception processing circuit 111, deciphered when the data is ciphered, and output to the application interface circuit 103.

The data is output to the D/A converter 43 or the IEC 958 via the application interface circuit 103.

As explained above, according to the present

embodiment, when TS data comprised of a plurality of multiplexed channels of digital satellite broadcasting is input from the MPEG2 transporter 41, the channel selection circuit 200 shown in Figs. 2 and 3 compares the 5 channel specifying data $CPID_1$ and $CPID_2$, indicating the channel identification data PID_2 , of the channel to be selected set in advance in the PID registers Reg_1 and Reg_2 , in the CFR 114 with channel identification data PID_2 , included in the input packet data to generate the packet 10 enable signals PEN_OUT_1 and PEN_OUT_2 , which become standards for judging whether or not to transmit the TS packet data via the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS.

Then, the later stage pre-transmission processing circuit 108 determines whether or not to write the input 15 TS packet data to the transmission FIFO circuit 112 and transmission/reception FIFO circuit 113 based on the packet enable signals PEN_OUT_1 and PEN_OUT_2 , so as to enable selection of a maximum of 2 channels of TS packet data to be transmitted via the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS 20 from the TS data comprised of a plurality of channels of digital satellite broadcasting.

Furthermore, according to the present embodiment, the enable signal generation circuit 212 of the channel selection circuit 200 shown in Fig. 2 generates an insert 25 enable signal $IPEN_OUT$ wherein its logic value becomes

"1" at a timing of outputting from the application interface circuit 103 to the pre-transmission processing circuit 108 the TS packet data not to be selected included in the TS data comprised the plurality of 5 multiplexed channels.

Therefore, by outputting to the pre-transmission processing circuit via the application interface circuit 103 the insert packet data IPD stored in the insert packet buffer 106 at the timing when the logic value of 10 the insert enable signal IPEN_OUT has a logic value of "1", it becomes possible to transmit the insert packet data indicating the information regarding the program to be provided by the TS packet data during the time the TS packet data is not transmitted on the IEEE 1394 serial 15 bus BUS.

The present invention is not limited to the above embodiments.

For example, in the above embodiments, a case where TS packet data for two channels was isochronously 20 transferred from the link layer circuit 10 to the IEEE 1394 serial bus BUS via the physical layer circuit 20 was explained as an example, however, the present invention can be also applied to the case of isochronously transferring TS packet data for one channel.

25 In such a case, the PID comparison circuit 208

shown in the Fig. 2 and the OR circuit 232₂, AND circuit 236₂, and the D-FF circuit 216₁₀ shown in Fig. 3 are not necessary, and an NOT circuit is used instead of the NOR circuit 234 shown in Fig. 5.

5 Also, in the above embodiment, a case where the TS packet data of a desired channel was selected and output from the TS data comprised of a plurality of multiplexed channels input from the MPEG2 transporter 41 was explained as an example, however, the present invention 10 can also be applied to the case of inputting data from an application other than the MPEG2 transporter 41 so long as data having a plurality of multiplexed channels is output.

15 As explained above, according to a data processing circuit of the present invention, it is possible to select and output packet data of a specified channel from data having a plurality of multiplexed channels to a data transferring path.

20 Furthermore, according to the data processing circuit of the present invention, it is possible to transfer information data regarding the packet data of the selected channel besides the packet data of the selected channel.

25 While the invention has been described with reference to specific embodiment chosen for purpose of

illustration, it should be apparent that numerous modifications could be made thereto by those skilled in the art without departing from the basic concept and scope of the invention.